

Downtown News from the U.N.: July 9, 2008

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Passing of U.N. Founder

Tragically, former U.N. member **Misty Kemp** passed away in a lake accident on July 5 while vacationing in Austin, Texas. Misty was a very integral part of the steering committee that launched the Urban Neighbors organization. She was a friendly, passionate and giving person. She will be missed by many.

Memorial services will be held Friday at 11:30am at the First Unitarian Church at 600 NW 13th St.

July 10 Social at the Ballpark

The U.N.'s July social event is at the Bricktown Ballpark. Who should attend? Downtown residents or those who are just excited about downtown and want to get engaged in the downtown community. Stay for the game afterwards; **FREE tickets** available.

Captain Stewart of the OKCPD will be on hand to give an overview of downtown safety. Free appetizers and a cash bar will be provided. Come out and meet your neighbors!

[Get directions and more info here >>](#)

Member Company Spotlight: **Beatnix Cafe**

The Beatnix Café opened in February 2008 at 136 NW 13th. This retro-style café/coffee shop was conceived to be a community place, somewhere locals could enjoy the friendly atmosphere with WiFi, coffee, smoothies and tea while enjoying "halfway healthy" deli style food for breakfast, lunch or dinner. Whether you're a plane-jane, a vegetarian or a health nut your possibilities are endless when you're dining at the Beatnix Café! In the future they'll also be offering live artists.

Beatnix is open Monday thru Friday from 7am to 8pm and Saturdays 8am to 6pm. The owners, Dave & Gina Filkins, invite everyone to stop by and sample what they have to offer. For additional information feel free to visit them on the web at www.thebeatnixcafe.com.

Tell them you are a 1st time guest from Urban Neighbors and **receive a free Beatnix soda or 50% off a smoothie or coffee drink.**

Iguana Lounge Returns!

On hiatus for a few years, the very popular Western Avenue mexican grill is making a comeback, this time to downtown! Located on 9th just east of Broadway, IL opens **July 11** and is sure to be a successful addition to Automobile Alley.

Fantasy Football

Football season is almost here! This is every member's chance to have their own team made up of the NFL's best players and compete against fellow members for bragging rights as the Urban Neighbors Champion. All you need is a computer and five minutes per week to set your lineups. Then watch your players take your team to the championship!

We will charge a small entry fee to cover our costs with any money left over going to fund future Urban Neighbor projects. If you are interested, please email Brian Hammond at bhammond@urbanneighbors.org. If there's enough support, we hope to have a live draft as part of our August Social.

GET INVOLVED

Urban Neighbors Downtown Transportation Focus Group Meeting

There will be a meeting at 6 PM, Thursday, July 17 in the bar area at Trattoria Il Centro, 500 W Main, to discuss this group's ideas for a proposal to obtain a resident-focused downtown public transportation system utilizing the old Oklahoma Spirit Trolley Cars. Anybody who is interested in improving downtown public transport options is welcome. For more details contact Nate Size at ntsize@yahoo.com.

Rack Up Downtown! Committee Meeting

The bike rack project committee will be meeting next at 3 PM on Tuesday, July 15 at the Downtown OKC offices, 210 Park Avenue, Suite 230. The main focus for this meeting will be planning for the various launch events and publicity in September. There will be a big need for volunteers for these events and anyone interested is more than welcome to attend. For more information about the Rack Up Downtown and how else to get involved please email Mark Gibbs. [Get a complete overview of the project here >>](#)

Bike Rack Presentation to the Downtown Urban Design Committee

On Thursday, July 17 a presentation will be given on Rack Up Downtown! project to the City of OKC's Downtown Design Review Committee. The Committee meets at 9:30 AM in the City

Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, 200 N Walker. Come along so that we can demonstrate support for our project to this important body!

One Way Street Conversion

Five downtown streets will have limited access from July 7-11 as contractors begin the last phase of a one-way to two-way street conversion project.

[More info](#) >>

Photo Op With the Mayor

Kicking off National Night Out neighborhood events, Tuesday, July 29, 2008, 8:00am, East steps of City Hall, 200 N. Walker Ave -

Join us for the annual National Night Out photo with Mayor Cornett, City Council, Target volunteers, neighborhood residents and our local heroes- the police and fire departments! We will meet on the east steps of City Hall for a group photo and then we will go to the City Council meeting to hear Mayor Cornett read the National Night Out Proclamation. **The neighborhood with the most residents in attendance gets a prize!**

[More info](#) >>

Other U.N. Websites

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[MySpace](#)

[LinkedIn](#)

UPCOMING DOWNTOWN EVENTS

Headed out for the night? Planning your weekend? Remember to visit the U.N. website for a [COMPLETE](#) listing of what's going on downtown.

[OCMA FILM: My Blueberry Nights](#), July 10-12

[Ultimate Frisbee – Sunday Pick Up Games](#)

[Live on the Plaza](#), July 11 (2nd Fridays)

[Ford Center All Access Tour](#), July 12

[Foo Fighters at the Ford Center](#), July 17

[Drop In Art, Oklahoma City Musuem of Art](#), Saturdays

[Skky Bar's Wig Party](#), July 19

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About Urban Neighbors:

[Urban Neighbors](#) is downtown OKC's neighborhood organization. Our membership-based organization encourages the further development of quality residential living through positive interactive meetings, social events, and issue-oriented dialogue and activities. Our organization is committed to making downtown an exciting place to live!